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Dr. OTTO BRANDT, JR., 1506 Guadalupe, Austin, Texas, advised that he was present in the "Doctor's Room" at Brackenridge Hospital, Austin, Texas, on November 22, 1963, at which time news came over the radio concerning the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY.

Dr. BRANDT advised that he cannot at this time recall the exact words used by Dr. JAMES W. LASSITER in discussing this assassination, but substantially Dr. LASSITER expressed the opinion that the assassination was not a big loss to the United States and that Dr. LASSITER was not concerned over the fact that the President had been assassinated. On the contrary he seemed to be somewhat pleased that President KENNEDY had been assassinated.

Dr. BRANDT advised that he cannot recall and does not believe at this time that there was ever any such phraseology used that the assassination was a "legal execution" or that LASSITER had ever made any remarks indicating that KENNEDY himself had been guilty of treason, although LASSITER did discuss the fact that KENNEDY appeared to have been sympathetic with the communist cause and also seemed to be of the opinion that in some ways KENNEDY was a part of an international communist conspiracy.

BRANDT does not recall LASSITER making any statements whatsoever indicating that he knew or had ever heard of LEE HARVEY OSWALD who was later mentioned as the assassin of the President.

BRANDT likewise added that at the time of the assassination that there was no mention or discussion concerning JACK RUBY as such and that his name apparently was not known to Dr. LASSITER as of November 22, 1963, and he has not heard Dr. LASSITER at any time mention JACK RUBY since the assassination.

Dr. BRANDT pointed out that LASSITER is a very capable doctor and is highly regarded in the medical profession in Austin, Texas.

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